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Andre Marie (above), 51-year-old Radical Socialist (conservative) Minister of Justice under France's Schuman government, is the new premier of France.  
—AP Picture.

## FLYING BOAT MISSING

### French Aircraft With 40 Passengers Aboard

Bordeaux, Aug. 1.—A French flying boat, with an estimated 40 passengers on board, is believed to have been lost at sea today 400 miles west of the Cape Verde Islands.

French planes from Dakar, a twin-engine seaplane, from Biscarosse airfield, south of here, and a Constellation aircraft from Paris were tonight all searching for the missing plane.

The aircraft took off from Port de France, Martinique, French West Indies, yesterday, and was last heard today when the pilot indicated its position and said all was well.

The rescue seaplanes carried medical supplies, parachutes and pneumatic lifeboats.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### Revised Hotel Charges

It is natural that the hotel rate cuts should infuriate the proprietors and delight the residents. Any such drastic action as that taken by the Quaternary Authority must produce extreme reactions when two such varying interests are affected. Despite the indignation of the hotels, the general public will, in the main, applaud Government's decision to bring about a revision of accommodation rates. For too many people the current charges impose a severe, almost crippling liability and for them some relief has long been overdue. The whole question of hotel accommodations, of course, has been complex ever since the reoccupation. Hotels, willy-nilly, have had to assume some of the burden of the housing shortage. In other words, hotels have had to become home rather than social convenience. The question from the beginning has been to what degree the hotels would be willing to assume new responsibilities at reasonable service charges. Originally a gentleman's agreement was effected between certain hotels and Government whereby residents would be lodged at agreed-upon rates. For the most part this agreement has been faithfully observed. Nevertheless, growing tendency has been observed for certain hotels to rid themselves of any such responsibilities by raising prices or no accommodation at all. It is fair to believe that Government has not interfered with the freedom of hotels for the sheer, diverting of the thing. Government must be credited with having, as its motive, the welfare of the considerable number of wage earners who, unable to find a flat or a house, have to depend upon hotels for accommodation, and who have

found the hotel rates beyond their means. These too are the people who represent the real wealth of Hongkong—the permanent or long-term workers, whose administrative ability or skilled knowledge does as much as anything to maintain the Colony's prosperity. It is presumed that it is for the benefit of these deserving people that Government's control of hotel charges is intended. And on this line alone some sort of action is justified. The one doubt that arises is whether Government has gone quite the right way about effecting needed adjustments. In its sweeping revision of hotel rates, there is a danger that Government will detrimentally exceed its prime objective. Under its new terms, Government is going to make things just as easy for the transient and casual hotel resident as the permanent or semi-permanent resident. The expense of a business which undoubtedly is confronted with tremendously increased overheads. We would have preferred a scheme whereby the permanent hotel resident (his bona fides as such being assured) received some concession, leaving him free to obtain what rates they could from the transient and casual clients. And one method would be the introduction of monthly tariffs. This helps to guarantee the permanent resident and make a natural distinction between his charges and those imposed on the daily resident. Moreover, Government could also offer protection for those who need hotel rooms as permanent accommodation by insisting that a proportion of rooms in all hotels be reserved for permanent residents while releasing the remainder of the rooms for the temporary and transient customers. Our view is that while concessions for the hard-pressed permanent resident are unquestionably required, Government would well afford to introduce a compromise whereby the interests of permanent residents and those of the hotels would be equally served.

# STALIN MAY MEET ENVOYS

## Visiting Western Diplomats Hopeful

### AIR OF EXPECTANCY IN MOSCOW EMBASSIES

Moscow, Aug. 1.—The expected meeting between Marshal Stalin and the Western diplomats may take place in the next 24 hours, possibly even tonight, according to opinion in some well-informed foreign circles in Moscow.

While there is no confirmation from Soviet circles that such a meeting is expected, the atmosphere in the embassies of the Western countries—working over the bank holiday weekend—was one of considerable expectancy. Members of the staff of the British, French and American embassies are staying in Moscow over the weekend. Normally they would have gone to a country house.

The Soviet Commander in Germany, Marshal Sokolovsky, is believed to be in Moscow, and it is likely that he, as well as M. Molotov, would attend any conference between Stalin and the Western powers. At such a conference the views of the Western powers would be presented by the "little" three—Mr. Frank Roberts, personal envoy of the British Foreign Secretary, General Walter Bedell Smith, American Ambassador, and M. Chataignier, French Ambassador.

The British, American and French representatives have kept tight-lipped since their return.

Some well-informed observers believe they would offer an opportunity for discussion between the four powers at a high level. This could be either talks by all four foreign ministers, or even a big four meeting—between Stalin, President Truman, French Premier, M. Marie, and British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Attlee.

There is no doubt that the envoys of the three Western powers are out to explore every avenue which could possibly lead to a settlement of outstanding difficulties in Germany.

This fits in with Mr. Stalin's statement in the Commons last week that the object of the present diplomatic steps was to "clarify the situation, in order to ascertain whether there is any prospect of removing obstacles to discussions,

with a view to a settlement which His Majesty's Government desires, and which we hope may lead to peace and security in Europe for us all."

The fact that M. Molotov was summoned back from his holiday shows clearly the very great importance that the Soviet Government attaches to the "present diplomatic steps."

The general impression here is that Marshal Stalin, M. Molotov and other Soviet leaders want peace and would welcome the removal of obstacles to a settlement.—Reuter.

### WAITING FOR ANSWER

Moscow, Aug. 1.—Diplomatic representatives of the Western Allies waited today for the Kremlin's answer whether it would agree to discuss the German peace problem with them.

A French Embassy source confirmed that a proposal for such a meeting was put to Mr. Molotov on Saturday night. At three separate half-hour talks with Foreign Minister Molotov, the United States Ambassador (Walter Bedell Smith), the British Ambassador (Frank Roberts) and the French Ambassador (Yves Chataignier) asked if together they could go to Stalin directly with their governments' opinions on the Berlin situation.

Molotov agreed that this proposal would be taken under consideration. West Allied circles were considerably encouraged by developments in the past 24 hours. They considered Molotov's return to Moscow as an indication that he wants to discuss the Berlin and German situation, and has no intention of slamming the door on talks which might provide a solution to the German deadlock. They pointed out that if Russia's position was completely unchangeable it would have been easy for Molotov simply to remain on his vacation, while the crisis dragged on and the Western representation drifted through the normal diplomatic course.

### MAY TAKE DAYS

By tonight there has been no word whether Stalin would receive the Western representatives. It was expected that such word probably would come on Monday but the possibility was not overlooked that several days may elapse before anything definite will be known.

It was understood that the Western Powers will suggest a news blackout when and if discussions with Stalin or Molotov begin. No further news is expected from here until simultaneous announcements can be made from Moscow, Paris, London and Washington upon the progress of negotiations.

A source close to the Western representatives said that a simple two-point plan was agreed for the London conference. He said the first point seems to be an elimination of transportation difficulties in Germany. The second talks for talks on the entire German situation, probably by Foreign Ministers and probably on the basis of the Eastern European Nations' Warsaw Declaration giving their formula for German unification.—United Press.

### ENVOYS' DISCUSSIONS

Moscow, Aug. 1.—Representatives of the three Western powers conferred among themselves today after their unexpected Saturday night interviews with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

Mr. Frank Roberts, Britain's special envoy, and French Ambassador Yves Chataignier, joined U.S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith at Spasso House, Mr. Smith's residence.

All three appeared in high spirits. It was reliably reported they exchanged views on their three separate conferences with Mr. Molotov and talked over their impressions.

The three men had given Mr. Molotov the latest American-British-West differences. It is considered probable there will be no new developments in the latest approach of the Western powers to Russia on the German and Berlin questions until early next week. Experienced Moscow observers felt the Russians would give careful thought to their reply.

Speaking of another problem, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said the "Danube countries have repulsed attempts by the Western powers to dictate conditions at the Danube conference" now in progress in Belgrade.

The newspaper printed a Tass dispatch which said the United States, Britain and France suffered a defeat in an effort to direct the work of the conference "in directions advantageous to themselves."

—Associated Press.

### NEW BERLIN ORDER

Berlin, Aug. 1.—Berliners today faced the prospect of arrest if they obeyed the order of their own uniformed police. The latest order in the battle of the city's rival police forces, issued by a deputy of Colonel Paul Markgraf, the Soviet-sponsored chief, read:

"All possible steps, including arrest, will be taken to ensure that no person obeys any instructions that may be given by Stumm. Anyone who obeys Stumm will find himself before a law court."

Dr. Johannes Stumm, a former deputy to Colonel Markgraf, was appointed police chief by the German City Administration last week, and tomorrow he will open his own headquarters in the American sector.

Earlier today, Dr. Stumm countermanded an order by Colonel Markgraf last night warning Berliners against using the new headquarters and declaring that all certificates and licences issued there would be invalid.

Later in the day, the rank and file police constables had to choose between contradictory instructions issued for the police swimming championships, being held at the Berlin Olympic Stadium.

As Colonel Markgraf is now recognised by the Russians and Dr. Stumm by the Western Allies, Berliners tomorrow are expected to regard their behaviour according to the City Administration last week, and tomorrow he will open his own headquarters in the American sector.

Those in the East will continue to use the old headquarters in the Soviet sector and those in the West will go to the new building.—Reuter.

Budapest, Aug. 1.—It is expected that all Hungarian political parties except the Catholic, Democratic People's Party and the Catholic Women's Party will support the nomination of Deputy Premier M. Arpad Szakaszi for the Presidency in succession to Dr. Zoltan Tildy, who resigned on Friday.—Reuter.



PREMIER JOSEF STALIN

## Millions And Millions Of Dollars For European Recovery

Washington, Aug. 1.—The United States' outlay for Marshall Plan aid to Europe is expected to climb above the US\$1,000,000,000 mark this week.

The Economic Co-operation Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, reported that last week's purchase authorisations of US\$72,861,232 raised the ECA cash grant total to US\$907,883,934.

The second quarter programme is fully underway and officials predicted that the milliard-dollar mark would be passed early this week.

Britain, omitted from Mr. Hoffman's summaries for four weeks, received the major share of the new authorisations US\$40,000,000. The increase raised the British aid total to US\$240,560,200 and put Britain back at the top of the list as Number 1 beneficiary.

Austria, Denmark, France, Britain, Norway, Greece, Italy, China, the Netherlands and the British, American and French occupation zones in Germany were on the new authorisation list.

### THE SHARE-OUT

France, with new authorisations of US\$17,371,042, fell to second place with an overall total of US\$240,295,587. Italy was third with US\$117,260,893 in purchase authorisations, with US\$7,747,109 approved last week.

Britain and France together have received more than half the cash in grants authorised under the foreign aid programme since it was approved last April.

Heavy shipments of wheat and wheat flour featured the new list. Shipments worth about US\$30 million accounted for more than half the new commodity measures.

The purchase of US\$50,000 worth of radium by France from Belgium was one unusual transaction approved. France also received ECA approval for the purchase of US\$33,750 worth of raw cocaine from Peru.

Manila, Aug. 2.—It is reliably learned that about 80 of more than 200 lepers at Manila's San Lazaro Hospital have escaped and the remainder are now on a "sit down strike" as a result of the Department of Health order, transferring them to the Central Luzon leprosyarium at Tala, in Rizal Province.

The Government says the lepers would have better surroundings and excellent treatment at Tala, but the lepers claim they would be farther away from their relatives than at San Lazaro.—United Press.

Sympathisers, including Catholic priests, are urging the retention of the lepers at San Lazaro.—United Press.

## SUDDEN DEATH IN MALAYA

### Chinese Killed In Resisting Arrest

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 1.—Police today shot dead a wanted Chinese at Menglembu, three miles southwest of Ipoh, and seriously wounded and captured another man when the two resisted arrest.

A Chinese bus stand proprietor was murdered at Kajang, 20 miles south of Kuala Lumpur last night after he had accepted to go into the town with them.

His bullet-ridden body was found within 100 yards of his home by police officers today.

Four other armed Chinese who posed as detectives tried the same trick on a Kajang Chinese labour overcoat last night. He refused to leave his home so they fired Sten gun and rifle bullets at the house. When that failed to intimidate him, they unsuccessfully attempted to set fire to the house by using kerosene.

Police 150 yards away who heard the firing thought an attack was being made on the police station. They did not hear the real story until later.—Reuter.

### BORDER CLASH

Singapore, Aug. 1.—The Straits Times in a Bangkok dispatch reported that Siamese border police today clashed with Malayan Communist for the first time.

The dispatch, quoting reports reaching Bangkok from the south said that one Siamese policeman was killed when 80 Communist insurgents from Malaya retreating into Siam encountered a border patrol at Sadao.

The police have urgently summoned reinforcements to the scene. The Siam-Malaya border is a wild "jungle" region. Wanted men frequently slip from one country into the other.—Associated Press.

## EXPLOSIONS ROCK CAIRO

Cairo, Aug. 1.—Two heavy explosions shook the business district of Cairo this afternoon.

First reports said that one explosion occurred in the Antoine Agham building on the Mustapha Katel Circle and the other at the rear of the Gattegno store and the Egyptian State Telegraph office.

Gattegno's is a department store owned principally by Slavic Gattegno.

The explosions followed by a few days a blast which partly damaged another building in which the Aides Department Store is situated. That terrible explosion, which government investigators said was caused by a parachute mine dropped from a plane, damaged two other Department stores—Clouet and Orco—and a cinema nearby.—Associated Press.

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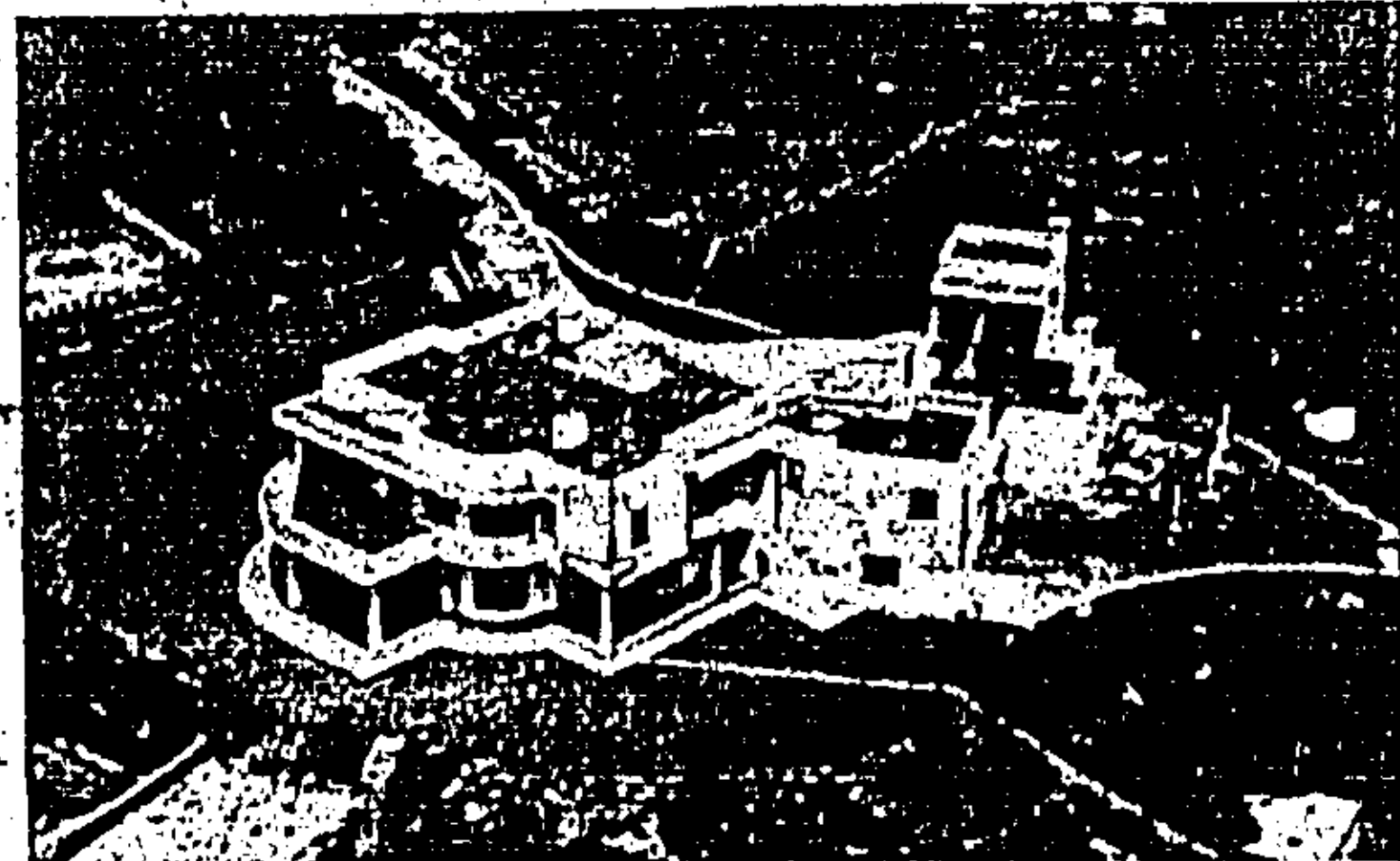
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## WOMANSENSE

### 'My Vision of Me ...'

COMMENCING Page Two's investigation into the theory that every woman models herself on a Style Personality she thinks she is like. Two examples captured in London illustrate two new dress types—Smart West End Lunchers and the Hollywood Star at a Premiere style. Robb's drawings show the idealised interpretation. The captions explain where each girl missed her fashion ideal.



Miss Dorcen Hiley wears a smart "Look" coat in black but spoils it with flat bare feet and a flower petticoat (JOB shows hat, tights and tilted petticoat tucked under skirt, choker worn in hair, and a smug grin).



Miss Ella Hall—she is wearing a big black hat, chunky furs, a rippling blonde bob. JOB shows same hat and shoes worn with plain black cocktail frock, without bulky fur. Long hair is carefully groomed.

### Aid For German Children

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—Florida's farm youths free of the prejudices of their fathers, are raising money to buy playground equipment for the children of Germany.

The 254 boy members of the Florida 4-H Club are chipping in the money themselves. Their minimum goal is \$200.

The group expressed plainly its views toward America's traditional enemy.

"What happened in Germany wasn't the fault of the boys and girls over there. We want those kids to have some of the things we have," said the farm-boy philanthropists.

"Maybe," they added, "we can help in our own little way to make democracy work in Germany."

### Your garden:

## The Rich Black Earth

By 'KATHLEEN'

WHAT will these foreigners be up to next, my gardeners think aloud as he watches me with disgust. For two days I have insisted on the collection of vegetable refuse from the kitchen, and now I am putting it into a deep pit, shovelful at a time, with alternate layers of earth and sprinklings of slaked lime or calcium hydroxide (obtained locally by "burning corals"). I cover this with earth, and repeat the process when the next collection is made, until the pit is full.

As Wong comes from a long line of farmers and has very decided opinions about gardening. He had all the excuses handy for the failure of the kitchen garden to produce anything substantial—"Earth, no good; manure, needed," or "black earth, wanted."

"What is wrong with the soil?" I asked him.

"Too rocky, plant root no breath. I think the equivalent in gardening terms would be that the soil lacked humus."

### Preparation

The "black earth" he was talking about is almost as good as any soil manured with dung, and can be prepared in your own garden. It is a good time now, with the heat and heavy rains for rotting vegetable matter. Vegetable peeling, wood ashes, leaves, grass cuttings, feathers—all these will do to fill up the

pit, but make sure you include a liberal sprinkling of lime to prevent acidity of the soil.

Our soil, as you might know, is naturally very poor and not only lacking in essential nitrogen, phosphorus and calcium, but on the whole also very acid and deficient in humus. Organic matter which decays to form humus improves every type of soil you find here, from the porous sand to the soil rich in clay, which is relatively impermeable to water. The addition of both lime and humus to the soil makes it easy to work and improves its water conditions and its aeration. The sandy soil will then be able to retain certain chemicals necessary for the life of the plant, and the soil rich in clay will be lighter and easier for water to drain through.

### Right Stage

The soil in the pit will become a rich dark brown to black in colour as the refuse decays, and when this happens it is ready to be mixed into the earth of your beds as any manure. In this form it is rich in bacteria and fungi, necessary for the conversion of manure into salts essential for the roots of the plant. This method of enriching the soil is "practically unknown" to most Chinese gardeners who understand only the uses of dung or bean curd, but it has been used successfully in all internment camps where manure was unobtainable and inmates were obliged to use what they had. And they had a good measure of success in wringing out from an earth, difficult to manage, the best that Nature could give in the way of food and flowers.

### ... Between A Kiss

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—A girl who closes her eyes when she is kissed, says Bette Davis, misses a lot. Miss Davis keeps her eyes wide open.

"I like to see what I'm doing," she explained, as Robert Montgomery planted a warm kiss on her cheek. "It's more interesting that way."

Miss Davis and Montgomery share several kisses in their new Warner Bros. comedy, "June Bride." Despite the kisses, Miss Davis is not the bride.

There's something to be said for daintily dropping your lashes as the man closes in, Miss Davis admits. It has an encouraging, I-give-in effect.

"But it's not nearly so satisfactory," she insisted, "as looking straight back into the eyes of the kisser."

Montgomery, a bit taken aback, said Miss Davis' technique was all right with him.

### He's Uncertain

"It's better than clamping the eyes shut and screwing up the face so a girl looks for all the world as though she were scared to death," Miss Davis reminded him firmly.

Montgomery gave her an uncertain nod.

"If I keep my eyes open when you kiss me," Miss Davis went on, warning to the subject, "it shows that I'm not ashamed of being kissed. That's another thought."

"Yes," said Montgomery, "that's another thought."

"And I hate a girl who's ashamed of being kissed, don't you?"

Montgomery allowed that he hadn't kissed any girls who were ashamed of it.

Then he kissed Miss Davis again—for the cameras, that is. She kept her eyes severely open. No maidenly flutters for her.

Miss Davis is a woman of her word.

### Recipe

### Stuffed Fish

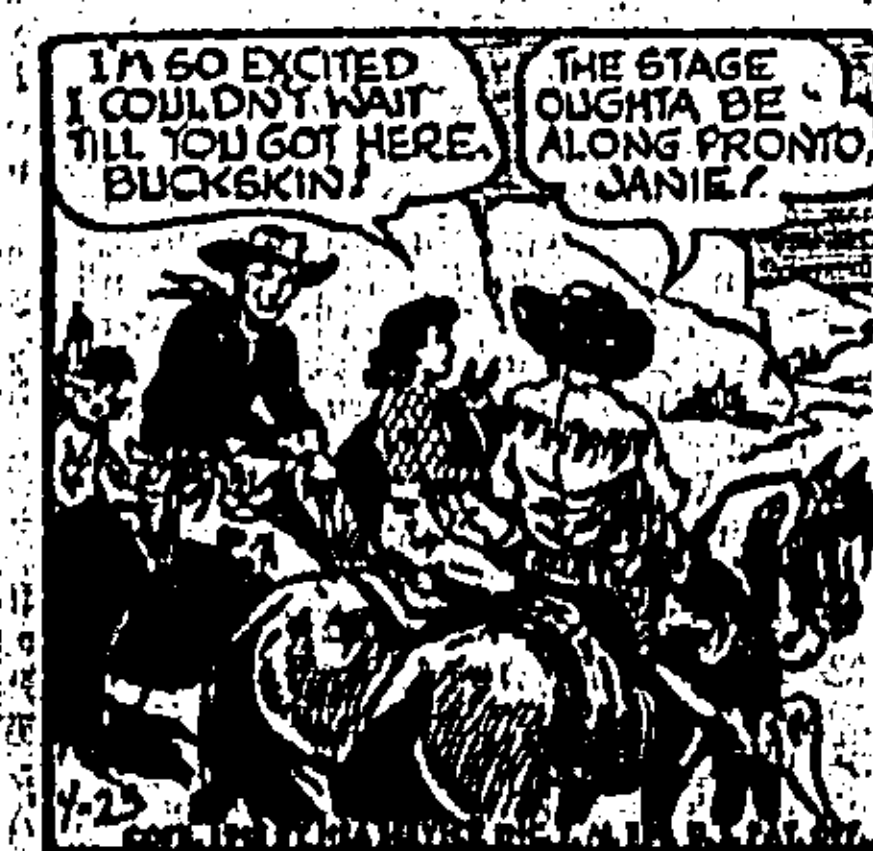
Ingredients: One large fresh fish (any kind), 2 tablespoons bread crumbs, 1 tablespoon lemon-juice, 1 teaspoon butter, salt and pepper to season, 1 egg or a little milk (chopped tomato and onion, if desired).

Method: Scale, wash and dry fish. Then fill with Rub inside of fish with lemon. Make seasoning by mixing all ingredients together, bind with egg or little milk. Stuff fish and fasten with skewer. Place on greased baking dish, cover with buttered paper, bake in moderate oven.

### RED RYDER



### Double Reason



### BY FRED HARMAN



### Summer Coiffure



If the Man in your life likes your hair long, wear it that way!

By LOIS LEEDS

A WOMAN'S HEAD is doubly crowned when that beautiful long hair, her crowning glory, is arranged in a soft wave with a slight non or roll at the back and a pretty hat, seemingly made for her hairdo, is worn atop it!

Actually, the clever woman with glorious long hair doesn't buy her hats to suit her hair, she arranges her hair to suit her hats. She tries on hats until she finds one that she likes or she has one made. Then she arranges her hair to suit the hat. That's one of the beauties of Long Hair, it can be fashioned in so many different ways.

The coronet of braids is a smart fashion and for those with long hair it is the perfect fashion. Thrust brilliant pins or long shell hair-

combs into your braids. Use anything of a decorative nature for added attractiveness.

A hat dramatizes a woman's face and the wise woman doesn't fail to take advantage of the flattery that a hat provides. Whether her hair is short or long, a woman without a hat is not completely dressed!

Many women wear their hair long because their husbands insist. Or they wear it long because it gives an air of dignity, especially becoming to their "style of beauty." Long hair is lovely. It can be smartly done and you can look pretty in hats. So, if you and the "man in your life" like long hair—wear that way! Hair done "up" gives you the coolness so desirable in hot days.

### BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### General Tin's Real Home

—How the Shadows Visited Him—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, walked into the playroom just in time to see General Tin, the tin soldier, climbing on the back of the hobby-horse.

Now tin soldiers don't usually climb on the backs of hobby-horses, even late at night, when everyone in the house is fast asleep. Knarf and Hanid exclaimed in surprise.

But the next second the tin soldier began rocking up and down, faster and faster, shouting: "Giddyup! Giddyup! Suddenly the playroom wall seemed to melt away like a kind of mist, and away dashed the hobby-horse, straight through it.

Before the wall had a chance to become hard again, Knarf and Hanid dashed through it, too!

### Pleasant Fields

They found themselves on a road with pleasant fields and meadows, dotted with shrubs and flowers, on both sides of it. General Tin, on the hobby-horse (it looked like a real horse now) was galloping along some distance ahead. They shouted to him. But he kept going and presently disappeared around a bend in the road.

"I wonder where we are?" Knarf said. Then he remembered the big map in the children's geography book and he answered himself: "It's either North America, or South America, or Europe, or Asia, or Africa."

But Hanid was frowning at her brother. "Silly! It isn't any of those places. We're on the other side of the playroom wall. Come on. We've got to find General Tin."

So they walked down the road, stopping now and then to look at some of the flowers and pick them. They were very curious. There were some that looked like gumdrops, some like sticks of chewing gum, some like chocolate cherries, and some like lollipops.

They also saw an apple tree filled with apples. They came to a spring bubbling with ice cream soda. And when they looked up at the sun, it seemed to be a big yellow lemon pie.

"This certainly isn't North



"I wonder where we are?" Knarf said to Hanid.

America, or South America, or Europe, or—

"Of course it isn't!" Hanid interrupted. "It's not in any geography book!"

Just then they came to the turn in the road. As soon as they got around it, they saw a little house painted red and black and yellow and green. The hobby-horse was tied to a post outside the door, and was contentedly eating some vanilla-flavoured oats.

So Knarf and Hanid knew that General Tin was inside.

### General Tin's Family

They rapped on the door. "Come in!" General Tin called out. Then the door was opened.

Inside they saw something they had never seen before. There was General Tin with his whole family—his wife and his three little shadow-children! This was where he really lived—this was his home—here, in this painted house, on the other side of the playroom wall.

All day long he stayed quietly in the playroom with his musket over his shoulder, never moving or saying a word. But when night came and everyone in the house was fast asleep, he jumped on the back of the hobby-horse and galloped back to his real home.

The General's wife made them stay for supper. She served a big jelly-roll, fresh picked from the garden.

### Hook On to This New Angle In Pitch Games

By WALTER KING

HERE'S "triangle toss," a game you can make yourself out of a few odds and ends. The game is a useful one to have around because you can use it indoors during bad weather and take it out with you on the picnic during the summer months.

Instead of "rings" used in ring toss you play with "triangles." These are made from stiff cardboard and are reinforced by wrapping them with white adhesive tape. Five triangles are needed. Each side of the triangle is one inch wide and four inches long. On the corners on both sides of the triangle are painted the numbers 10, 20, and 30. Be sure to print each number so that it is right way up when hanging from a nail.

The playboard is best if cut from quarter-inch plywood but any board about 20 inches square will do. Into this, 13 brass screw hooks are spaced as shown in the diagram. It is best to put the hooks in at a slight angle with the hook pointing upwards. At the top of the board is an eye screw with which to hang up the game. Below each hook is a number as shown. The numbers increase as you get away from the centre of the board.

(To Be Continued)

### MIX-UPS

Rearrange the words in each of the lines following to form three things in the life of Shakespeare:

1. HAM RAT  
2. FOG YELLE RAVE  
3. MOURN-ON VENT

Answer

1. RAT HAM  
2. RAVE YELLE  
3. VENT MOURN

### Rupert & Ting-Ling-I



The warm weather has come. Rupert has taken a long walk and is shaping it into a new, falling rod, while Ting-Ling-I, the hedgehog, watches him rather drowsily. All of once they both look up. "What ever is that noise?" murmurs the little bear. "It sounds like an express train, a long, wavy, chugging noise. It's not quite like a train," says Horace. "Anyway, express never comes to Nulwood, do they?" "I don't know," says Rupert. "I'm going to find out." ALL NIGHTS AWAY.



## AIRLIFT DEAD HONoured

Berlin, Aug. 1.—Three thousand persons paid tribute under a blistering sun today to five Americans who died in the airlift supplying Soviet-blockaded Berlin.

They heard speakers denounce the blockade as inhuman and praise the airlift fliers as "heroes who help us resist subjugation under a new dictatorship."

But even as the service was being held the Russians, through their official press, threatened Western Berliners with extension of the siege into the winter unless the elected city government yields to Communist demands for economic control over the entire city.

The Russians also moved for another turning of the screw in their pressure on Western Berlin. They indicated that accounts held in banks in the Russian sector of the city by Western Berlin businesses and industries, frozen during the recent currency exchange, might never be released except at the pleasure of the Communist-ruled Economic Commission. The Socialist press called the move "a money blockade."

### NEW DICTATORSHIP

The memorial service, arranged by the Women's Union of Western Berlin, honoured Americans who died in two crashes of supply planes, one near Wiesbaden on July 8 and the other in Berlin a week ago. Simultaneously, the assembly paid tribute to the several hundred German victims of last week's explosion at the I. G. Farben chemical plant at Ludwigshafen.

In the audience were Mrs. Louise Schroeder, Socialist Lord Mayor of Berlin, and Mrs. Lucius Clay, wife of the American Military Governor. One of the chief speakers was Mrs. Annedore Lehar, red-haired Socialist member of the city assembly. She said: "This airlift which roars above us day and night is positive proof that the world recognised there is enough worth in the German people to give the positive support in resisting subjugation under a new dictatorship. Thanks to all who help us in this fight. We bow before these dead, who are symbols of international understanding."

The burgomaster of Schoenberg, in whose borough the service was held, told the assembly "We see in the United States of America now not only the victor and occupying power, but the friend and helper of Germany."—Associated Press.

## THE HAGUE TRANSPORT PARALYSED

The Hague, Aug. 1.—Transport was partly paralysed today for the second day in succession by a strike of tramway employees.

Between 1,500 and 2,500 employees of the Hague Tramway Company struck yesterday when the Hague's 700th anniversary celebration reached its climax.

Many tags were put in service to cope with the national and foreign visitors thronging to the city for the jubilee.

The taxi drivers, although not on strike, support the tramway workers financially.

From Rotterdam and Amsterdam has come the announcement that tramway workers there will support the strike if it is not settled within another day.

Tramway workers' complaints have been current for the past year but reached a height with last week's announcement that conductors' tips would be taxed.

The strikers complain that the unions do not take sufficient interest in the tramway workers. The Hague employees demand wage regulations equal with those in Rotterdam and they object to the taxing of tips.—Associated Press.

## Londoners Take Holiday

London, Aug. 1.—A quarter of a million day trippers streamed out of London today by car, coach and train to enjoy the heatwave weather at coast resorts and countryside beauty spots.

Queues of gaily dressed holiday makers waited patiently at mainline railway stations while on 10 main roads to the coast motorists left the capital at the rate of 16,000 an hour. By noon, the temperature in London was two degrees up yesterday at 74 degrees Fahrenheit, and the coast towns were beginning to perspire in the "rising seventies".

There were signs, however, that the heatwave was breaking and that the sun, which has roasted holiday makers in temperatures sometime reaching more than 90 degrees for the last week, might play truant tomorrow on the day when it was most welcome—the August Bank Holiday Monday.

Retreating slightly from yesterday's forecast of "mainly fair," experts could only predict a "doubtful outlook for tomorrow."—Reuters.

## INFORMAL TALKS OVER IRELAND

Dublin, Aug. 1.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, who is holidaying in Eire, and Mr. John Costello, the Eireann Prime Minister, are believed to have discussed informally during the weekend the partition of Ireland.

Mr. Attlee is expected to see the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Sir Basil Brooke, possibly next week and may discuss the partition with him.

There is speculation here about a possible meeting between the three statesmen before Mr. Attlee's return. Mr. Costello, in a week-end speech, said: "Irish unity, in the interest of world peace, should appeal to Irishmen everywhere."

The Northern Ireland Government has strongly denounced any idea of unity with Eire and reaffirmed its loyalty to the Crown.—Reuters.

## SHAH OF IRAN IN PARIS

Paris, Aug. 1.—Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Shah of Iran, arrived here by plane from London today and was greeted by premier Andre Marie.

The Foreign Minister (M. Robert Schuman), the Interior Minister (M. Jules Moch) and the Mayor of Paris (M. Pierre de Gaulle) were also present to welcome the Shah.

The official party drove to the Hotel Grillon for a luncheon given in the Shah's honour.—United Press.

## Grenade Thrown At Procession

Rome, Aug. 1.—A hand grenade tossed into a religious procession at San Martino Di Barregio near Milan last night injured 20 persons, dispatches said today.

The grenade was thrown from behind a hedge directly against a horse-drawn carriage bearing an image of the Virgin Mary.

Many of those injured were children escorting the Virgin. Three were reported gravely hurt.—Associated Press.

## BIG LOAN FOR UN

Washington, Aug. 1.—Administration leaders in the Congress are still hopeful that the proposed \$500,000,000 loan for the construction of a permanent United Nations Headquarters will be approved during the special session, but final decision on the action probably will not be made until next week.

Informed sources declared that Chairman Charles Eaton of the House Foreign Committee is still insisting upon approving the loan only as part of his single-package United Nations bill, which was approved by his committee during the regular session. That bill also includes provisions for strengthening the operation of the United Nations along the lines of the Vandenberg resolution.—United Press.

## POLISH NOTE TO BRITAIN

London, Aug. 1.—Warsaw Radio tonight broadcast the text of a Polish note handed yesterday to Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, relating the projects against the failure to invite Poland to participate in the London talks on Germany.

The note said: "The original Anglo-Polish treaty provided for a joint participation of the two countries in all decisions connected with a peace treaty with Germany."

The London talks dealt with much more than administrative measures since they established the foundation for the future of Germany. The note added that Poland stands for the "building up of Germany as one entity," its democratisation and demilitarisation.—Reuters.

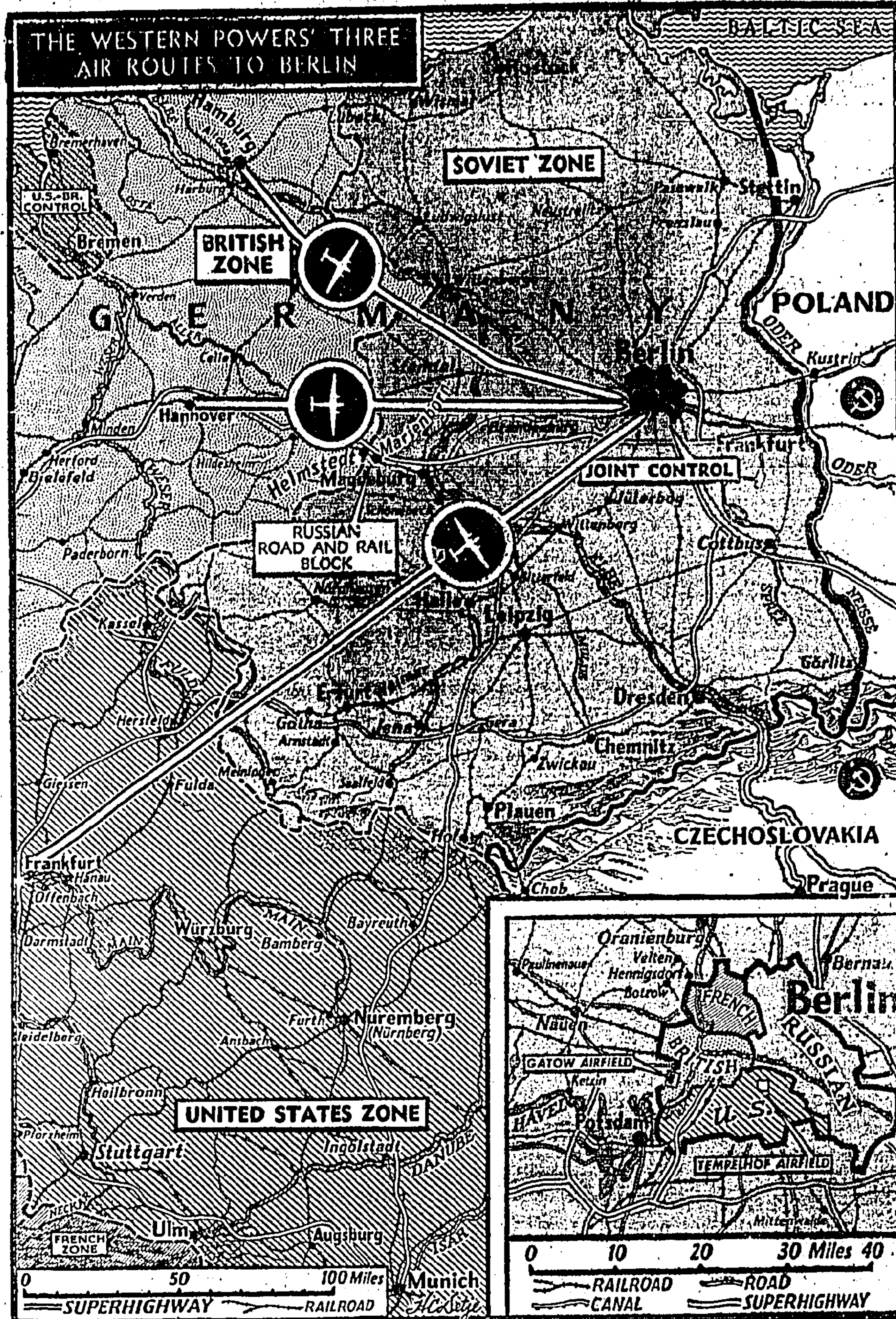
### LANCASTRIAN CRASHES

Karachi, Aug. 1.—An official at the Pakistan Ministry of Communications said tonight that the Lancastrian aircraft which crashed on the outskirts of Karachi, today—killing the crew of four—had not yet been ascertained. An enquiry was still going on, he said. Earlier, the Ministry of Communications said the plane was completely wrecked, but gave no details of the crash.—Reuters.

also warned that Red fighter planes will be training along these air corridors.

The three air routes in the map are the 250-mile route from Frankfurt, in the U.S. Zone, and the two routes in the British zone, 140 miles and Hannover to Berlin and 150 miles from Hamburg.

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THESE are crucial days in Germany, with the three Western Powers determined to keep open the three air routes shown in picture in order to supply food and other essentials to keep going their sectors of Berlin, while Soviet Russia, equally determined to freeze the West out of the German capital, has not only refused to lift the road and rail block but

## New Move To Freeze West Out Of Danube

Belgrade, Aug. 1.—A new Danube Convention, depriving the Western Allies of most of their navigation rights along Europe's greatest waterway, is expected by Western observers to emerge from the 10-nation conference meeting here.

The Western powers, it is believed, will maintain their insistence on their rights acquired under the 1921 Convention after the first World War, but this is expected to have little practical effect on the new river regime.

When Britain and France stated their claims under this Convention at yesterday's session, M. Andrei Vishinskiy, the Deputy Foreign Minister, asserted that the Convention had lapsed through treaties signed by the Western powers before the war as well as through the clauses in the Balkan peace treaties of 1947.

He told the Western powers that the "door was open for them to leave" the conference if they would not accept its majority decisions. Six of the eight riparian countries—through which the Danube passes—are members of the Soviet "bloc" and of the other two, Austria is only an observer at the conference. Germany is not represented.

The conference, called by the Big Four, is being attended by Britain, France, Russia, the United States, the Ukraine, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.—Reuters.

## VILLAGE WIPED OUT BY FLOOD

Nanking, Aug. 1.—The entire population of 800 of a village in the Wuning district of Kiangsu province was drowned when the Yangtze River rose and swept over it today.

A wedding was being held at the time. Bride and groom died with the rest.

An appeal has been made for flood relief.—Associated Press.

## Newsmen Scoop Police

Paris, Aug. 1.—Two Parisian newspapermen, who scooped the gendarmes last week in finding Paris public enemy number one, found themselves in gaol yesterday.

Georges Arque and Rene Didot of Paris Presse were charged with failure to denounce a fugitive from justice in connection with their interview with 22-year-old Pierre Carrot at a time when Carrot was being sought by Paris police.

Carrot was arrested by police on Wednesday night, a week after the interview.

Arque and Didot appeared today as witness at a preliminary hearing of the case against Carrot. They were served warrants of their arrest.

The Paris Reporters' Association immediately protested against the arrests as an infringement of liberty of the press.—Associated Press.

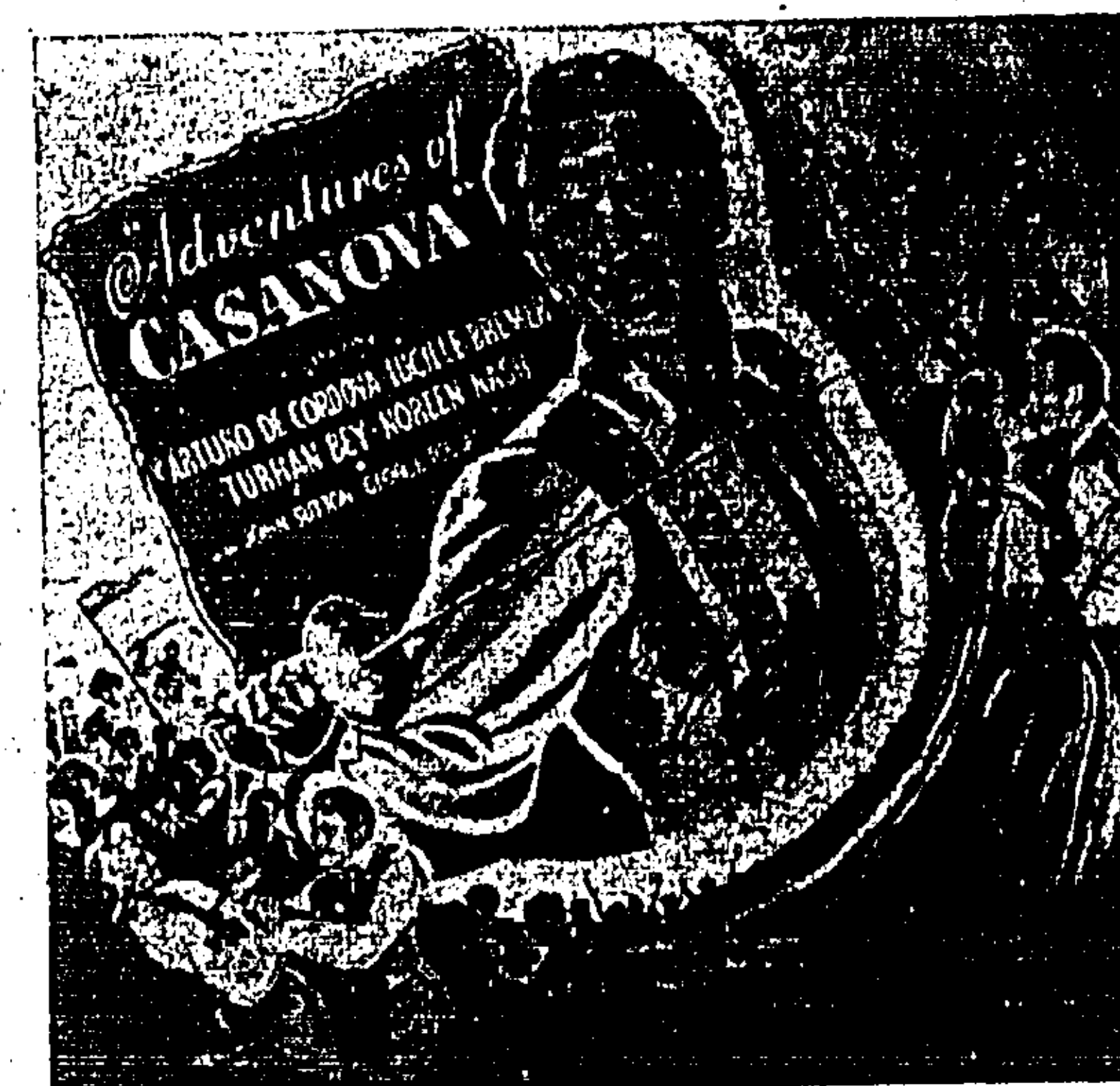
### DEATH SENTENCE

Shanghai, Aug. 2.—One soldier was sentenced to death and another to five years' imprisonment by a military tribunal of the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Headquarters in connection with the bombing of two Chinese theatres here on the night of July 16. It is reported in the Chinese press today.

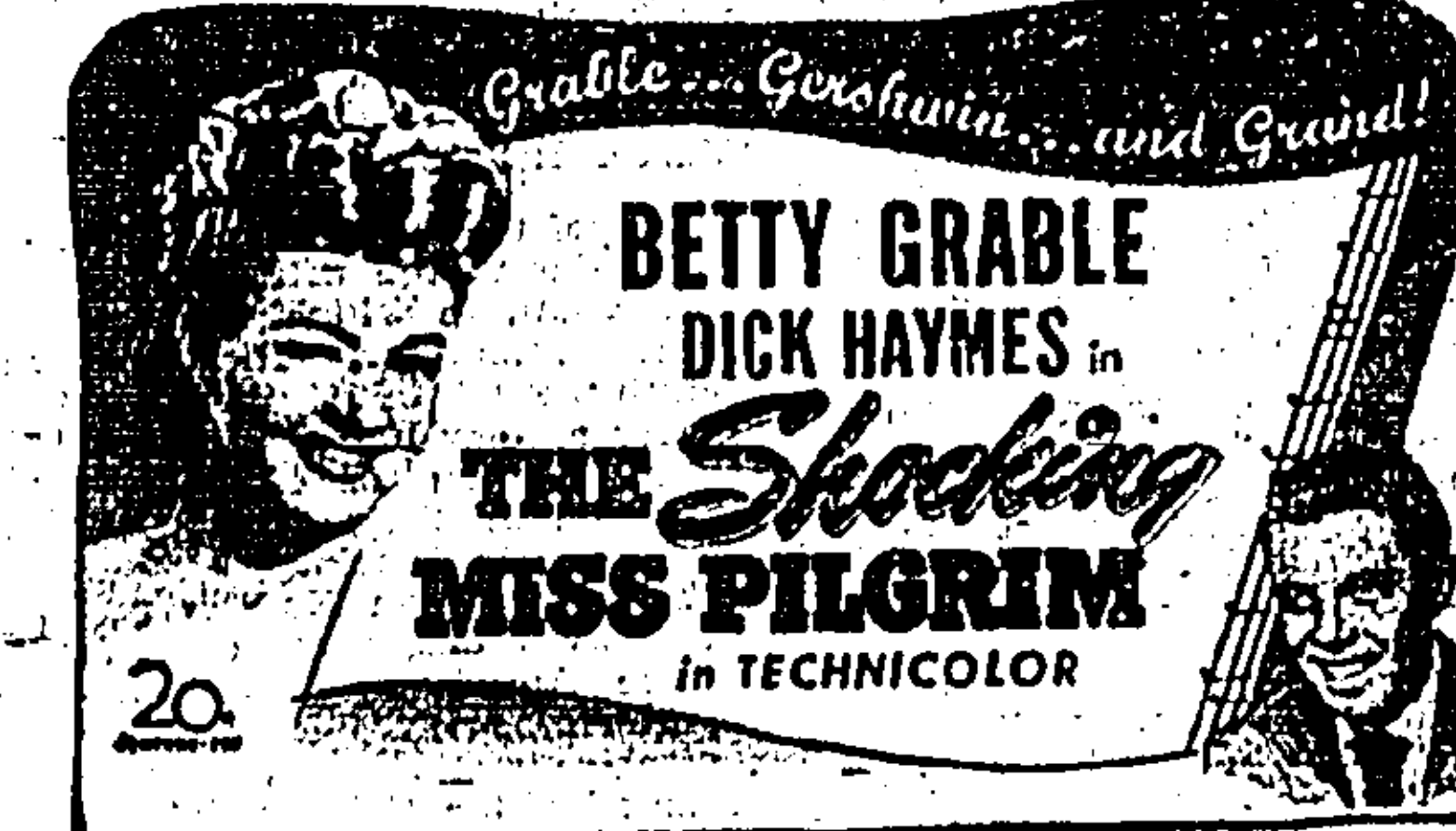
Thirteen others involved in the case were each given a one-year prison term, while 18 other accused were exonerated.—Reuters.

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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**SCHOOL DAYS**—Admiral D. O. Ramsey listens intently while the teacher on the right lectures to a class in the Marshall Islands. The visit took place during the Admiral's tour of inspection of the islands.



**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY**—Relief workers seen distributing emergency rations to homeless, hungry refugees, victims of the recent earthquake in Fukui, Japan. Each person received one ball of rice.



**EVENING BELLE**—Viveca Lindfors, Swedish actress now in Hollywood, models a romantic evening gown in moonstone colour chiffon. A side-draped bodice with swirl of silvery beads is caught at the squared neckline with a graceful sweep of scarf.



**SEEMS A SHAME**—After being the toast of the town as a Hollywood show girl, blond, alluring Myrna Dell now chooses to cover her charms (left) with the voluminous clothing of this 1910 motion picture style (right). Defending her action, Myrna contends that curves are plentiful in Hollywood, and she will concentrate on acting.



**A MOMENT'S HAPPINESS**—Jewish youngsters enjoying some ice cream, the first they've had in a long time, in a shop in Haifa. They were evacuated from a settlement in western Galilee when fighting in the border area grew too intense. The present second attempt at a peace settlement may mean a permanent return of normal childhood pleasures.



**LOOK OUT BELOW!**—A section of burning roof from this Santa Monica hotel sweeps past fire-escapes and almost hits an ascending fireman (lower right) as the five-storey hotel burns to the ground. In spite of hazardous fire-fighting, there were no casualties reported.



**FLAG-RAISING**—A military band provides the music as the Olympic flag is raised to fly beside the Union Jack at Uxbridge. The building in the background will house many competitors and officials during the Games.

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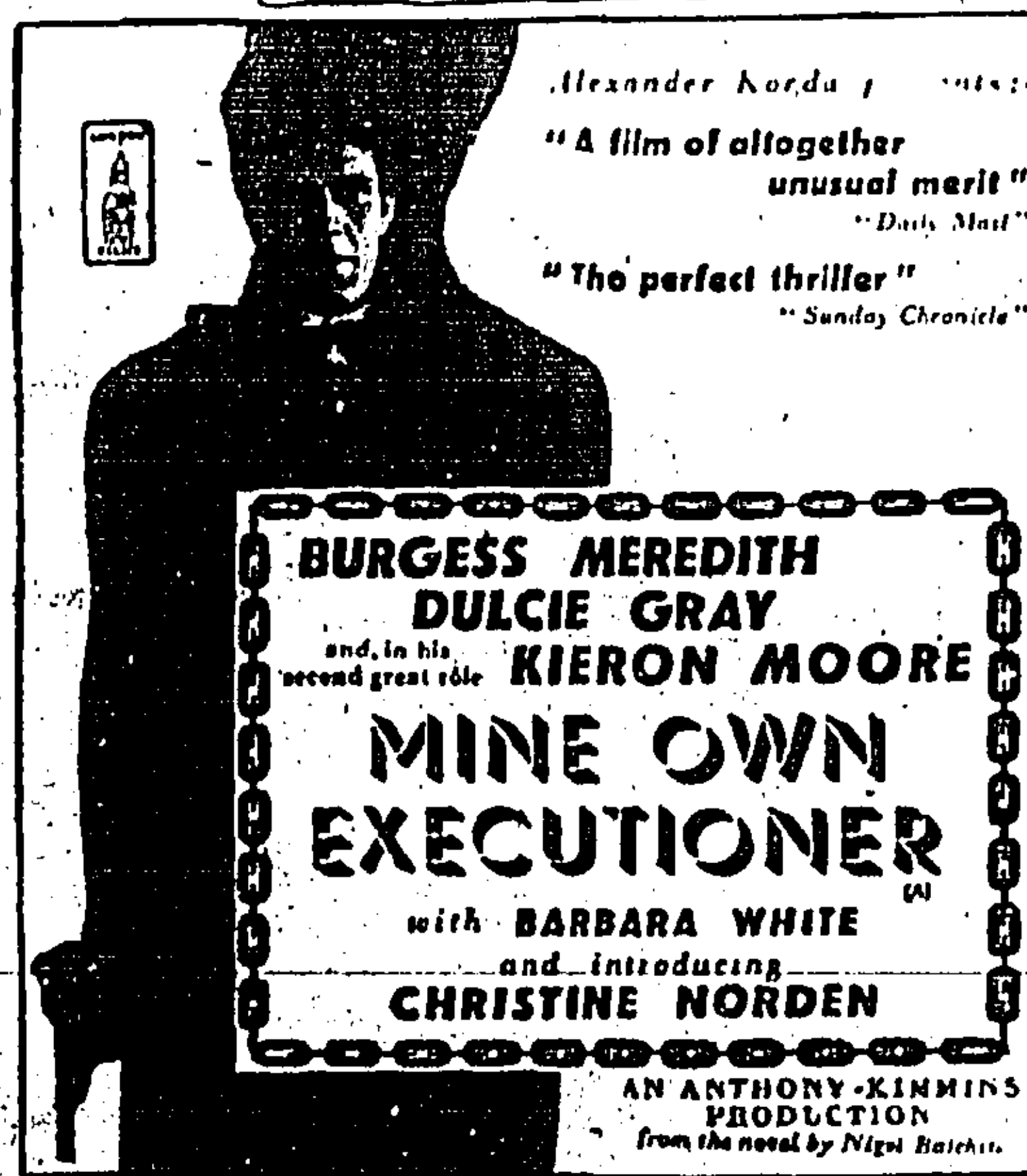
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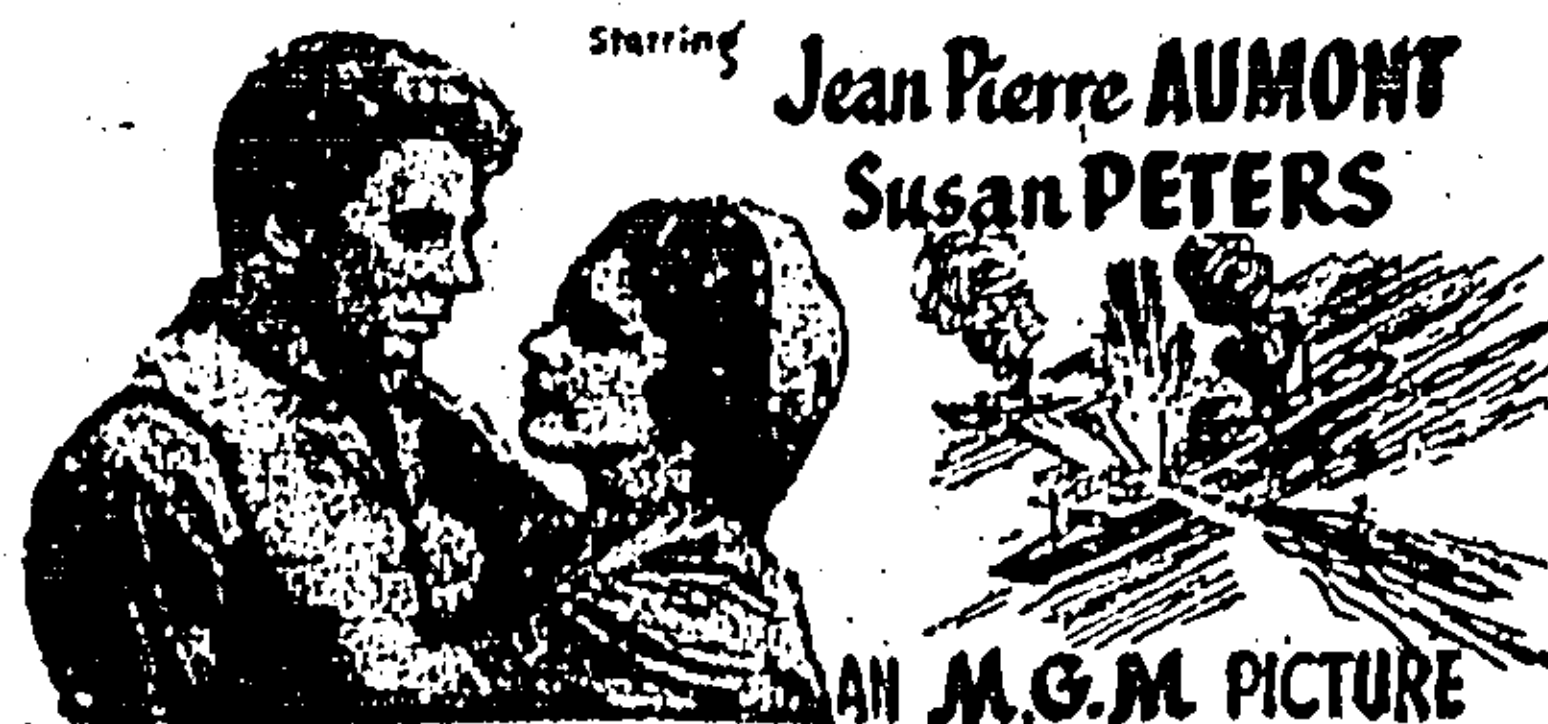
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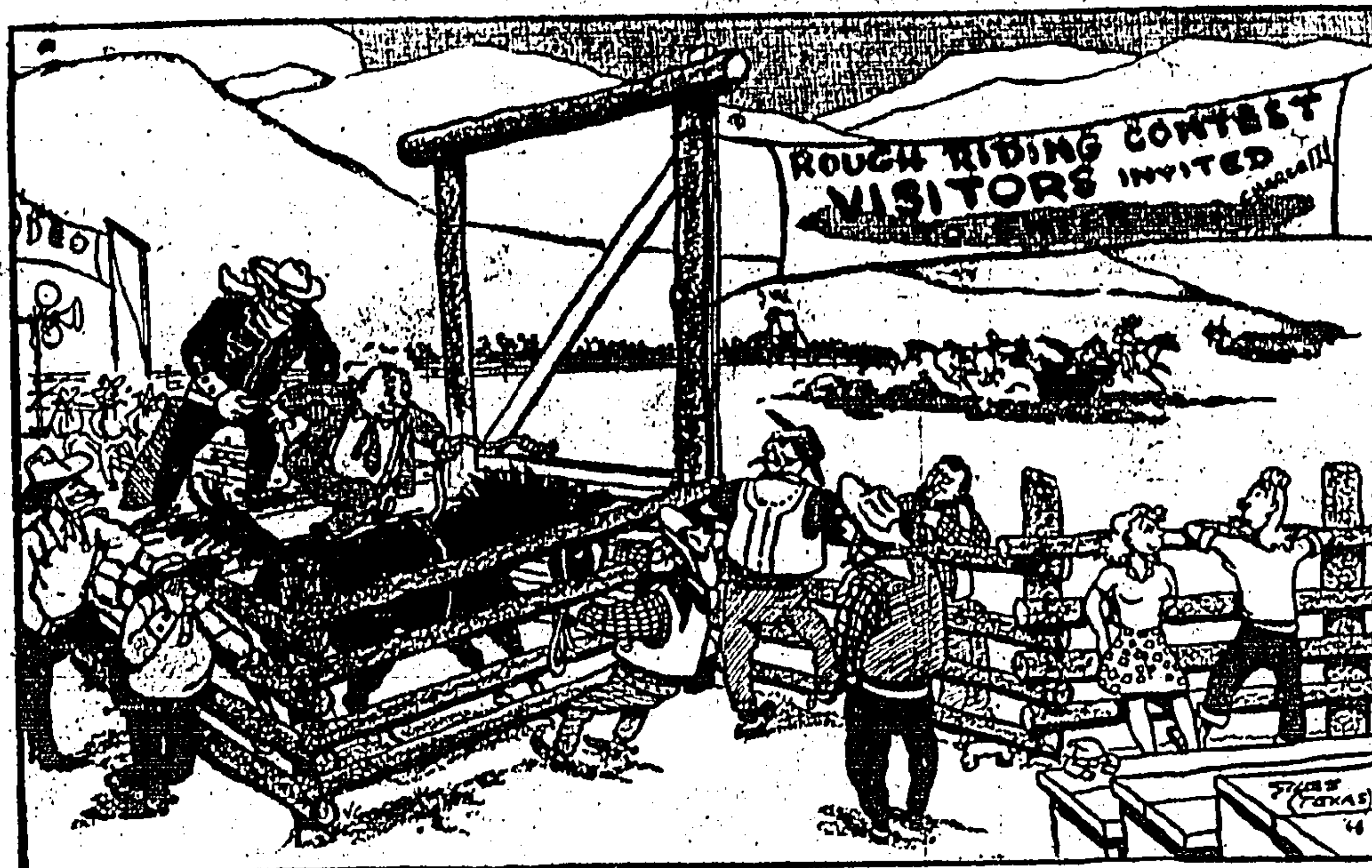
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"This ought to be good—Dad in one of his show-off moods."  
—From Giles in the United States

## PHASE 1

Bright hours of Yalta

ON Sunday, February 4, 1945, there was opened at Yalta, in the Russian Crimea, the most exclusive club the world had seen. Its members: Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin. Its entrance fee (in Churchill's words): "At least five million soldiers or the equivalent."

It was conducted in high good humour and genial solemnity.

During the next week plans for the final knock-out of Germany and, secretly, for the entry of Russia into the Far East war, were completed.

Above all they agreed, in the Livadia Palace, former home of the Czars, on the future of Germany.

The unity of the Allies at Yalta—with the Russians advancing at an unprecedented rate, with the Allied air fleets pounding the German cities to rubble, and with the "beginning of the end" of Japan in sight, thanks to Stalin's promise to come in—was something almost tangible.

There was hard bargaining, but agreements were not defined with legal sharpness. If "the peace of the future world" were to depend on the three members of the Yalta Club, then faith in the integrity of all was essential. It was in this spirit that the voting procedure at the Security Council of the United Nations was extended to include the Soviet proposal, the right of veto.

On the legal side—and the case is as complex as any international lawsuit—our right to stay in Berlin rests finally on this paragraph of the Yalta pact: "The forces of the three Powers (France was later added) will each occupy a separate zone of Germany. Co-ordinated administration and control has been provided for under the plan through a Central Control Commission consisting of the three Powers with headquarters in Berlin."

## PHASE 2

The first shock came

WITHIN a fortnight of the conference, the first two Yalta chickens were flying home to roost. Not yet to Germany, but to liberated Rumania and Poland.

## HOW DID IT GET TO THIS?

CHARLES FOLEY

traces what has happened between Russia and the West since that hopeful day early in 1945

Both countries, according to Yalta, were to be the joint responsibility of all three Allied Governments. "Spheres of influence" were to be abolished. But on February 25, 1945, Mr. Vishinsky, Soviet Foreign Under-Secretary, went to Bucharest, called on young King Michael, looked at his watch, and gave him "just two hours and five minutes" to dismiss one Government and put in another more to Soviet tastes.

On March 3, 1945, the day after Roosevelt's Yalta report to Congress, his last public speech, the Polish crisis broke—with Molotov refusing to discuss as members of the new Polish Government any politicians outside those approved by Moscow. On April 1 Roosevelt cabled Stalin, claiming that this move threatened to undermine Yalta; in return came the charge that the Western Allies were negotiating a separate peace.

Roosevelt cabled his denial of this to Stalin, and sent to Churchill the advice: "I would minimise the general Soviet problem as much as possible, but we must be firm." He died an hour later, a saddened man. The basis of confidence had already been corroded.

## PHASE 3

After Yalta—Potsdam

ON August 2, 1945, the famous Potsdam agreement, signed by the victors on the outskirts of Berlin, which was then in sole Soviet occupation, was proclaimed.

Truman had replaced Roosevelt and Attlee was now in Churchill's place. Stalin, alone of the Yalta Club, survived.

Once again the Potsdam blueprint for the "reconstruction of Germany on a democratic and peaceful basis" depended on the continued unity of the victors. Once again disappointment lay ahead.

to Russia whenever she cared to enter—a proposition which seemed to cause the more irritation in Moscow the more it was repeated.

APRIL 25, 1947. The Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in Moscow ended in failure. The only surprise—a secret protocol signed by Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin at Yalta in February 1945.

This was pulled out of the hat by Molotov and it specifically agreed that Russia should take reparations from current German production, which conflicted with the strongly expressed views of the West. Bevin objected that Yalta had been superseded by the Potsdam agreement.

DECEMBER 10, 1947. The Council of Foreign Ministers, transferred to London, finally collapsed.

JUNE 9, 1948. In London a conference of six Powers (Russia out; Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg added as light make-weights) drew up a new plan for a new Western Germany.

## PHASE 5

Blockade... and Walk-out

A FINAL phase occurred on June 20, when the Western Allies issued their new German currency, which destroyed the remaining value of the Reichsmark, which was still used in the Russian zone.

The Russians retaliated by closing the 350-mile frontier between East and West Germany and also the traffic on the motor road from the West into Berlin.

The great blockade had begun. Marshal Sokolovsky walked out of the Allied Control Council for the last time, declaring it dead.

## PHASE 4

More talk... more trouble

AND so the delegates went round and round—London, Moscow, Washington, Paris, New York, Moscow, London.

Outside the conference rooms oratorical feathers began to fly. The last point at this time was America's suspension of reparations deliveries from Western Germany to Russia. Molotov claimed this as a breach of Potsdam. The Americans said it was due solely to the fact that the agreement to deliver food, coal, timber, and other products needed by Western Germany from the Eastern zone. If Russia did not carry out those Potsdam clauses which favoured Britain and America then America would have to suspend the execution of clauses which favoured Russia.

DECEMBER 2, 1946. The Birth of Bizonia. The merger of the British and American zones of Germany was announced, and the green light was flashed for the full industrial rehabilitation of Western Germany. The door was to be left open

## IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

ONE of labour's nightmares is on the way out. The party no longer feels vulnerable on the question of housing.

New dwellings are now coming along at a rapid rate (London had a record last month) and it is considered that election time in 1950 will see the shortage reduced to small dimensions.

Meantime, it is true that many hard cases still exist, but at least the sufferers can look forward to relief within reasonable time.

Health Minister Bevan, reviewing the situation recently, was almost exultant, and left his supporters with the comfortable feeling that this political social battle would be won.

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PEOPLE ask me if Michael Foot is among Labour's up-and-coming young parliamentarians.

The answer is not easy. Michael writes very pungent political prose, which is highly appreciated in the Labour movement, and no doubt contributed much to his recent election to the party's national executive. In Parliament, however, he has not been very active. His ardour tends to find expression through his pen rather than his voice.

This is not altogether his fault. In a majority behind a Government, they serve best who talk little and vote right.

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THE golden opportunity for the making of a parliamentary reputation is provided always in opposition.

Talk then is a virtue, not a degrading nuisance. And whole-hearted denunciation and fierce invective, for which Michael has considerable capacity, can win much approval.

If, therefore, the electors should perchance sack the Government, but not the present member for Devonport, he might become a notable figure on the Opposition benches.

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STILL the death penalty, for murder continues to be a Government headache.

Mr Churchill and others attacked with great vigour the proposal to differentiate between one kind of murder and another.

Nevertheless the clause was carried by a comfortable majority, though much of the Government back bench support of it was given reluctantly.

It was, in fact, only the unexpected strong public reaction against abolition, even for a trial period, which induced many Labour members to modify their earlier attitude.

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IF the Lords reject the new clause, as rumour says they will, what will the Government do?

For the sake of saving the rest of the Criminal Justice Bill they may possibly accept this further Upper Chamber rebuff.

Alternatively they could invoke the Parliament Act procedure, and ultimately carry the Bill intact over the heads of the Lords.

But Ministers are reluctant (wisely, I think) to see this death penalty issue mixed up with the constitutional struggle.

For on this matter the peers appear to be closer to public opinion than the Commons.

## ... So the prices rise in America

PRICES are starting to rocket again in the U.S.

This week the Americans will pay U.S.\$1 a pound for a leg of lamb and \$1.33 a pound for steak. Coal is likely to sell at \$20 a ton—highest in American history.

Research by American economists shows that the price of about 800 basic commodities has jumped to a new postwar record. And they forecast that many commodities will rise still further in the next few months.

What is causing this rise in prices? There is no mystery about it. There is no squabbling among the experts.

All are agreed that the foreign aid programme—E.R.P.—is the nigger in the woodpile.

This, in their own words, is why the dollar buys less and less—

"When some \$7,000 millions of foreign aid funds are added to the supply of money that is bidding for the many commodities in short supply prices of these commodities naturally go higher."

So E.R.P. hits Americans a double blow. They pay higher taxes to provide aid for Britain and Western Europe; and they pay higher prices for what they buy.

For Britain the price rise which E.R.P. is provoking in world markets is intensifying the problem of bringing her overseas trade into balance.

A similar situation arose with the original American loan in 1946.

About £100,000,000 was lopped off the purchasing power of the borrowed dollars in six months.

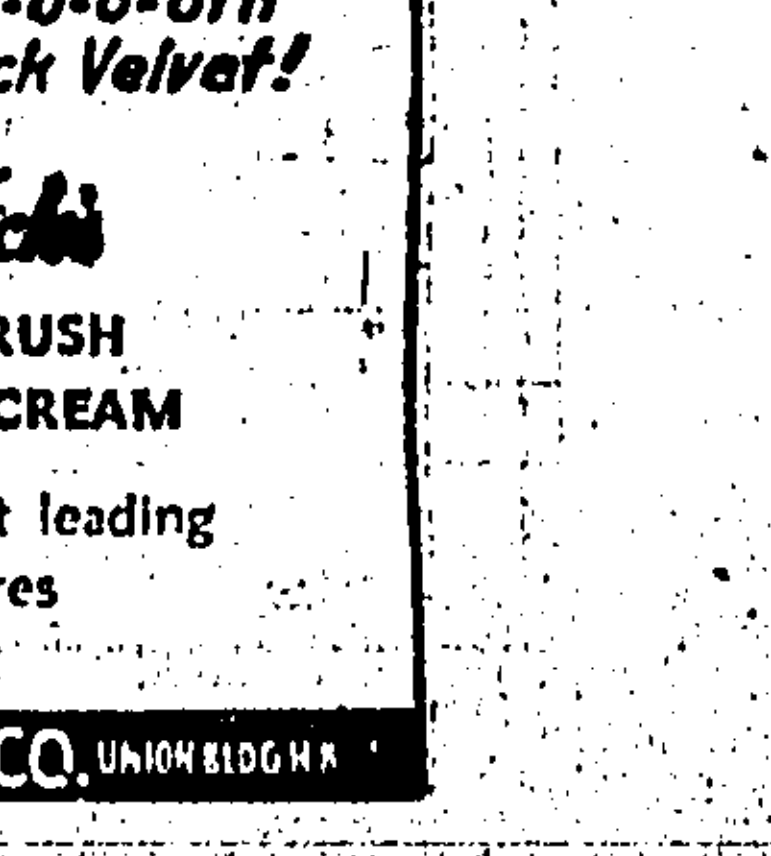
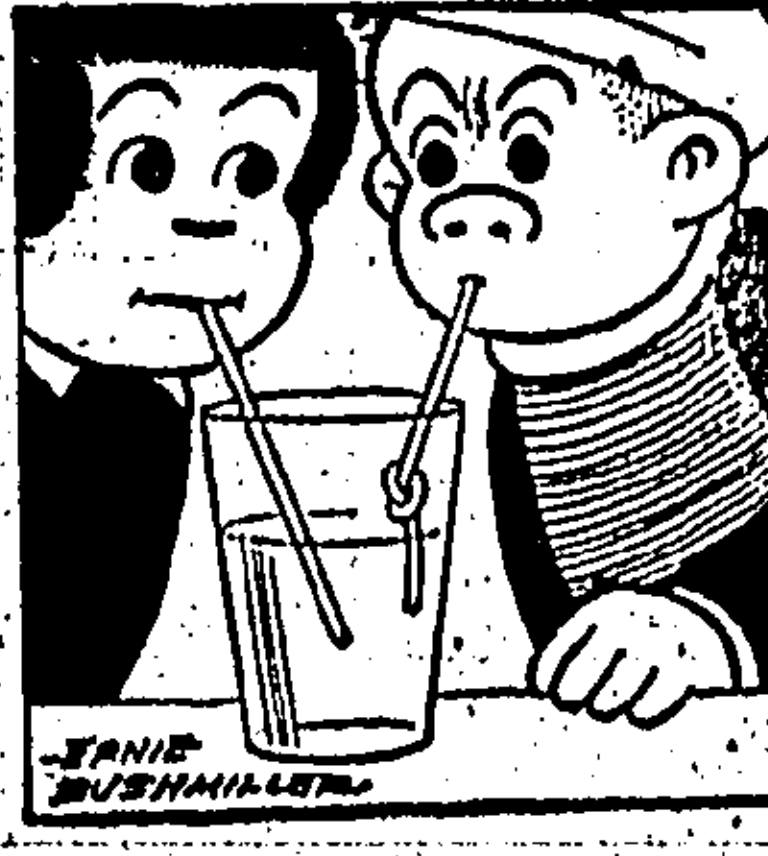
So marked was the price inflation that it worried even that cheerful songster, Mr Dalton. He said: "It has put us in a position of peculiar difficulty."

Now we have his successor at the Treasury, Sir Stafford Cripps, saying: "At the moment prices of primary products are rising steadily, much to our own disadvantage, for the adverse movement of the terms of trade is the greatest obstacle to the solution of our balance of payments problem."

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